

**TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**



FISCAL NOTE

HB 711 - SB 859

March 12, 2011

SUMMARY OF BILL: Requires petitions filed in juvenile court to contain the names of any alleged biological father and for alleged biological fathers to be included in the summons to court. If the individuals contained within the summons cannot be found, publication must be made for four consecutive weeks in three places reasonably calculated to reach the party. When publication is made, the hearing shall not be held until five days after the end of the fourth consecutive week.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Expenditures - \$1,903,400

Increase Federal Expenditures - \$988,400

Assumptions:

- The Department of Children's Services (DCS) estimates that 7,300 cases will be impacted by this legislation. Of those, DCS estimates that 730 cases (10 percent) will require publication.
- According to DCS, these 730 juveniles will remain in custody an additional 28 days per juvenile or 20,440 days (730 x 28).
- The average cost per day is \$108.
- The increase in expenditures to house these juveniles will be \$2,207,520 (\$108 x 20,440). Of this amount, 49 percent (\$1,081,685) will be TennCare funds.
- Of the TennCare funds, \$716,400 will be federal funds at a 66.23 percent match rate and \$365,285 (\$1,081,685 - \$716,400) will be state funds.
- Seven percent of the total cost, or \$154,526 (\$2,207,520 x 7%), will be new Title IV-E funds.
- The remaining \$971,309 [\$2,207,520 - (\$1,081,685 TennCare + \$154,526 Title IV-E)] will be state funds.
- The increase in state expenditures for additional days of housing will be \$1,336,594 (\$365,285 + \$971,309). The total increase in federal expenditures for this purpose will be \$870,926 (\$716,400 + \$154,526).

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- DCS will hire four additional case managers at a cost of \$62,753 each for salary (\$34,400), benefits (\$13,353), and other equipment (\$15,000). Total cost for four managers will be \$251,012 ($\$62,753 \times 4$).
- DCS will hire one team leader at a cost of \$68,268 for salary (\$38,900), benefits (\$14,368), and other equipment (\$15,000).
- Total increase in expenditures for new personnel will be \$319,280 ($\$251,012 + \$68,268$).
- Of the \$319,280, 45 percent (\$143,676) will be TennCare funds. Of the TennCare funds, \$95,157 will be federal funds at 66.23 percent match rate and \$48,519 ($\$143,676 - \$95,157$) will be state funds.
- Seven percent of the total cost for personnel \$22,350 ($\$319,280 \times 7\%$) will be new Title IV-E funds.
- The remaining \$153,254 [$\$319,280 - (\$143,676 \text{ TennCare} + \$22,350 \text{ Title IV-E})$] will be state funds.
- Increase in state expenditures for new personnel will be \$201,773 ($\$48,519 + \$153,254$). The increase in federal expenditures for this purpose will be \$117,507 ($\$95,157 + \$22,350$).
- According to DCS, publicizing summons in three places will cost an average of \$500 per case. The increase in state expenditures for publication costs will be \$365,000 ($\$500 \times 730 \text{ cases}$).
- Total increase in state expenditures will be \$1,903,367 ($\$1,336,594 \text{ housing} + \$201,773 \text{ personnel} + \$365,000 \text{ publication}$).
- Total increase in federal expenditures will be \$988,433 ($\$870,926 \text{ housing} + \$117,507 \text{ personnel}$).

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



James W. White, Executive Director

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